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OFFICIALS (JACK ANDERSON - 10/16/75)

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DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS. NO QUESTIONS
ON THIS SUBJECT WERE ASKED AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING
OCTOBER 16, 1975.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT HIGH CHILEAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE
HEAD OF DINA (CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE), VISITED WASHINGTON AND
RECEIVED "RED CARPET" TREATMENT?

A: FIRST LET ME POINT OUT THAT FOREIGN OFFICIALS CON-
TINUALLY VISIT THE U.S., AND THAT WE MEET AND EXCHANGE
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VIEWS WITH THEM IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESS REPORT OF A VISIT TO THE U.S.
BY THE CHIEF OF CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE: COLONEL CONTRERAS
VISITED THE UN IN NEW YORK IN JULY, FOLLOWING THE CHILEAN
DECISION TO POSTPONE THE SCHEDULED VISIT TO CHILE OF THE
UNHRC WORKING GROUP. HE ALSO STOPPED IN WASHINGTON. WHEN
ASKED BY CHILEAN OFFICIALS WHOM HE MIGHT SEE WHILE HE WAS
IN WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT HE MEET

WITH THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS WHO ARE
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN
CHILE.

Q: WHAT CONGRESSMEN DID HE SEE?

A: I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION. IT WAS LEFT TO THE
CHILEANS TO FOLLOW UP ON THEIR OWN.

Q: DID CONTRERAS MEET WITH CIA OFFICIALS WHILE HE WAS
HERE?

A: YOU WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE CIA. INGERSOLL

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